



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council
Board & Stakeholder Meeting – November 9, 2015
Peck Park Community Room
560 N. Western Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Ray Regalado. There was a quorum of 13 board members. See list below for board member attendance. Approximately 15 stakeholders in attendance.

Board Members	Roll Call/Attendance
Scott Allman	Excused
Bob Bryant	Excused
Pete Burmeister	Excused
Rogelio Cuevas	Present
Dan Dixon	Present
Alberto Encinas	Present
Craig Goldfarb	Present
Cynthia Gonyea	Present
Laurie Jacobs	Present
Diana Nave	Present
Raymond Regalado	Present
Barbara Schach	Excused
George Thompson	Present
Sarah Valdez	Present
Christopher Valle	Present
Lee Williams	Present
Darlene Zavalney	Present

2. **Public Official Reports:**

- a. **Augie Bezmalinovich**, Community Affairs Advocate for the Port of Los Angeles, reported the following:
- The next Board of Harbor Commissioners meeting is Thursday, November 10th, at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am. The December meetings are scheduled for Thursdays, December 3rd and the 17th also at the Port Administration building, at 8:30 am.
 - The John S. Gibson/I-110/SR-47 Connector widening project is due to be completed in the first quarter of next year depending on weather conditions.
 - The C Street on/off ramp will be closed through early December.
 - The Harbor Movie Night, Happy Harbor Halloween and the Halloween Pet Parade were all very successful events.
 - Upcoming events, in Wilmington on Saturday, from 9:00 to 11:00 am, November 14th is the Turkey Trot and in San Pedro on Saturday, December 5th, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm the Holiday Boat Parade.

b. Superintendent Christopher Downing, LAUSD:

- i. Provided a brief overview of his history with LAUSD and gave the following contact email address: ChristopherDowning@lausd.net.
- ii. It is his goal to be sure that every student is a proficient reader by the age of nine.
- iii. He has four primary goals:
 - I. Early literacy, all students reading at grade level by age nine.
 - II. Extended learning opportunities for Senior High students.
 - III. Instruction taking place in classroom to support students at different levels.
 - IV. Parent and community engagement and training for parents on common core.

c. Councilman Joe Buscaino's office, San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson provided a written report, some of the highlights are as follows:

- i. Westmont clean-up. A huge thank you to the Beacon House men for cleaning out the gutters, sweeping the sidewalks and picking up the trash along Westmont Avenue adjacent to the Field of Dreams.
- ii. CalTrans properties. Clean-up efforts are under way at the CalTrans property adjacent to the Miraflores on-ramp to the Vincent Thomas Bridge, as well as the CalTrans property adjacent to the Gaffey Street exit of the 110S.
- iii. Target store tree wells. The tree wells in the public right-of-way were cleaned up, including removal of chunks of concrete.
- iv. Peck Park homeless encampment. The encampment in the Peck Park canyons to the south of Park Western Elementary School has been cleaned up.
- v. Ponte Vista is expecting to have their grading permits in the next 5 weeks. Infrastructure improvements are under review with the Bureau of Engineering. iStar anticipates starting installation of these improvements when grading is finished this coming Spring.
- vi. Rancho San Pedro feasibility study will be presented on Wednesday, November 18th, from 6 pm – 7:30 pm in the Port Administration building.

3. First Responder's Report:

a. LAPD Senior Lead Officer Bravo:

- i. Crime statistics for Harbor Division areas were reviewed with particular emphasis on the Northwest San Pedro area.
- ii. She commented on a particular RV that goes all over the harbor area. She stopped and spoke to the driver. At the time she stopped him she found no evidence of stolen bicycles.
- iii. LAPD conducted a bike sting but had no activity. They are concerned about the bike thefts.
- iv. There is an online bike registry that costs \$10 per year. If your bike is stolen, you have the needed information to provide to the police. If a bike is valued at more than \$1,000 then the theft is a felony arrest. She posted this information on her Facebook page, SLO Bravo Adriana.
- v. The Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the Harbor Station. A representative from the City Attorney's office that handles marijuana dispensary complaints will be at the next meeting.
- vi. Days of Dialogue with the LAPD are taking place throughout the year. These events are small scale meetings between police and community members to discuss the current and future of policing.

b. Port Police Officer Aldo Morales:

- i. Crime statistics for the Port were reviewed with particular emphasis on the San Pedro Waterfront.

- ii. There were several incidents of vandalism in both San Pedro and Wilmington.
- iii. The Port Police have been making contact with homeless people in the Port area letting them know about winter shelters that are open from November to March.
- iv. There are Boat Parade, skipper meetings at 6:30 pm on November 12th and 19th, for more information you can contact him at 310-505-9291.

4. Presentations/Conversations:

- a. **Board of Neighborhood Commissioners (BONC), Josh La Farga, Commissioner.**
 - i. Gave a brief introduction and provided background information.
 - ii. Encouraged everyone to let him know what they need and how he can help them. He hopes that through existing relationships they can change the thought process of Neighborhood Councils and DONE (Dept. of Neighborhood Empowerment).
 - iii. He would really like to see youth more involved.
- b. **Representatives from LADWP discussed rates and water conservation.**
 - i. Neil M. Guglielmo, Director of Budget, Rates & Financial Planning, Department of Water & Power
 - ii. He provided several information packets to stakeholders. You can also go to the website <http://www.myladwp.com/> for more information. There is a link on the NWSPNC website as well.
 - iii. He gave a PowerPoint presentation with information on billing issues, customer service, cost savings as they relate to rate increases, and future infrastructure needs.
 - iv. Some of the Board and Stakeholder concerns included:
 - I. Possible future infrastructure failures.
 - II. Rate increases despite consumption having decreased.
 - III. Future rate increases.

5. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

- a. **Marcus Musante**, candidate for Congress in the 44th district, gave a brief statement.
- b. **Sarah Al Masry**, Vice President of Outreach for the San Pedro Peninsula YMCA Youth and Government program:
 - I. Youth and Government delegation is a youth enrichment program that is hosted by the YMCA. It is a statewide program with over 3,000 youth delegates. Approximately 200 of those delegates come from the Harbor area.
 - II. This year due to a shortfall in fund raising the program costs \$1,500 per delegate.
 - III. They attend three conferences a year, two in Fresno and one in Sacramento. At these conferences, they mimic state government procedures in order to learn the procedures first hand.
- c. **Chuck Hart**, asked about a flaring incident on Saturday, was it a Rancho LPG? What was the source of the release? He wanted to know why the deluge system didn't engage?
- d. **Ron Conrow** of Rancho LPG responded to the comment above, yes the flaring event was at Rancho LPG. It was caused by an electrical surge which caused the facility to shut down, this is a failsafe procedure mandated by NFPA code.

6. Consent Calendar:

- a. Approval of October 2015 Minutes
 - b. Removal of Laurie Jacobs from Sustainability Committee
 - c. Appointment of Craig Goldfarb as NWSPNC's representative to LAPD's CPAB
- Motion by Bob Bryant to approve the above items marked a - c on the consent calendar, seconded by Diana Nave, and passed with 13 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Encinas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

7. Committee Reports and Motions:

- a. **Community Vision Committee** – Report – Dan Dixon

- i. **Discuss and consider motion urging City to insist on indemnifying City and residents in any bid for 2024 Summer Olympic Games from losses resulting from operation of those games.**

Motion with respect to City of Los Angeles' Bid to Host 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

Whereas, the 1994 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games were a solid success for the City and the region, generating untold goodwill both inside the City and across the world, as well as generating more than \$100 million dollars in profits, and

Whereas, the opportunity to bid on the 2024 Olympics has fallen into our collective lap with the withdrawal of Boston's bid, and

Whereas, Boston's example should be viewed as a cautionary exercise in not biting off more than one city can chew, and

Whereas, Los Angeles appears to be in a better position than Boston to take on the hosting challenge, due to existing venues, our position as a major international travel hub, and our experience as an Olympic host city, and

Whereas, those many advantages notwithstanding, it is incumbent upon the elected officials of the City of Los Angeles to protect the public treasury, always not more than one financial crisis away from fiscal oblivion, and

Whereas, any agreement with the international Olympic Committee or other organization representing the interests of the IOC must be fully vetted by the City Council, in a transparent manner, with the intent of making it clear to the IOC that it would be blessed to be allowed to stage the Games in Los Angeles, not with the City going to the IOC hat-in-hand, ready to capitulate to the IOC's notorious and infamous "lists of requirements" in order to host the games;

Now, therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council asks the City Council to reject as a "deal-breaker" any agreement that does not include an exception as agreed to in 1984 following the passage of Measure N, indemnifying the City and its taxpayers from covering any losses resulting from the many unknowns inherent in such a huge undertaking. We support the idea of hosting the Games, but not at the cost of burdening taxpayers with a burdensome and potentially lengthy price tag not of our making.

The City needs to approach this bid from the power position which it holds.

Motion from committee to approve urging City to insist on indemnifying City and residents in any bid for 2024 Summer Olympic Games from losses resulting from operation of those games, passed with 13 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Encinas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

- ii. **Discuss and consider motion requesting DOT to install left turn arrows from Western Ave. onto WB Crestwood Ave. and SB into Peck Park/Park Western shopping center.**

Motion with respect to improvements at intersection of Western Ave, and Crestwood Dr./Peck Park Entrance

Whereas, the intersection of Western Ave, and Crestwood Dr. on the north side of Western and the entrance to Peck Park with its connector driveway to Park Plaza Shopping Center on the South side of Western is a perennial source of bottleneck and frustration to residents, and

Whereas, at various times of day motorists and residents turning from northbound Western to westbound Crestwood Dr. are forced to wait through up to several signal cycles to deliver students to Crestwood School or to get to their homes in the Crestwood neighborhood, and

Whereas, traffic from park Plaza Center and Peck Park backs up while waiting to turn left or right onto Western Ave., again at various of day, and

Whereas, there are no left turn arrows or other traffic mitigation to lessen the impact on drivers and residents, now

Therefore, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the City, CalTrans and the City of Palos Verdes study the intersection with the express goal of adding left-turn signals both northbound onto Crestwood Ave., and southbound into Peck Park/Park Western

Plaza, as well as studying possible improvements in flow from park Plaza Shopping Center and Peck park onto Western Ave.

Motion from committee to approve requesting DOT to install left turn arrows from Western Ave. onto WB Crestwood Ave. and SB into Peck Park/Park Western shopping center, passed with 13 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Encinas, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs. Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s).

- iii. Diana Nave asked that the Community Vision Committee follow up on Council File 15-0467-S3 and a request from the Neighborhood Watch Association for occasional street sweeping on Park Western Drive.
- b. **Port Committee** – Report – Phil Nicolay
- i. They are working with the Port on the China Shipping EIR mitigation as it relates to light and noise.
 - ii. They have still not received a formal response from the Port to their two motions about the Ports capital improvement program and surplus funds for projects and the reserves that they hold and how those funds can be used.
 - iii. The Port received a grant for 4.6 million dollars from Metro for the reworking of the Sampson Way intersection. These funds initially came out of the Ports community projects so now the Port has approximately 4 million dollars it should reallocate to another community projects. Diana Nave suggested that the committee generate a letter to the Port about the now unallocated funds.
- c. **Sustainability Committee** – Report – Sarah Valdez
- i. They are planning a Rain Barrel distribution event. The rain barrels would be free after a rebate.
 - ii. Robin Lynch from Regenerative Design Studios spoke to the committee about green roofs, particularly as it relates to large asphalt parking areas creating a “heat island effect”.
 - iii. Board member Diana Nave suggested that perhaps they could have a tree give away in conjunction with the Neighborhood Council election.
- d. **Youth and Outreach Committee** – Report – Darlene Zavalney
- i. They did not have a quorum at the last meeting.
 - ii. They had the spaghetti dinner event and got to meet some elected officials and collected about 50 new email addresses.
 - iii. The Movie in the Park event was attended by about 200 people. It was a very successful event.
 - iv. The Weymouth Corners and Candy Cane Lane events are coming up. Also the Christmas Parade.
 - v. Board member Diana Nave suggested that they present a certificate to People’s Place and dance group for their participation at the Movie night event.
 - vi. Board member Diana Nave, on behalf of board member Bob Bryant, reminded everyone that newsletter articles due by this Friday.
- e. **Planning and Land Use Committee report** – Diana Nave
- i. The committee had two meetings this month at which they discussed many items.
 - ii. Diana Nave showed some preliminary renderings of the North Gaffey beautification project which will not be built until 2017. She also had preliminary renderings of the Harbor Blvd beautification project.
 - iii. Community Clean Up/Community Beautification Plans funds update: Some of the ideas the committee came up with for use of the funds are as follows:

- a. Assist in the cleanup of the hillside on the southeast corner of the I-47 on-ramp (by Leland Park)
 - b. Clean-up Peck Park Canyon
 - c. Clean-up N. Gaffey to Anaheim
 - d. Clean-up Target to Barrywood on Capitol Drive
 - e. Clean-up, weed removal: Park Western Drive, Via Sebastian to Via La Paz (hillside of street)
 - f. Tree trimming: Westmont and at 15th & Leland
- iv. The Gaffey Street Conceptual Plan has never been shared with the community. There were two grants applied for that they did not get. Therefore, the City has 1.5 million dollars for a phase one project that would be for the part of Gaffey immediately as you exit the I-110 freeway. They are working with LANI on a revised, scaled back plan that will then be released to the community.
 - v. The billboard at 427 N. Gaffey will not be moved at this time, although they are still working on it.
 - vi. The Rancho San Pedro feasibility study is complete and will be presented at a community meeting.
 - vii. The next committee meeting will be Tuesday, November 17th, in a different conference room on the fourth floor.
 - viii. Also on Tuesday, November 17th, the Western Avenue implementation plan is scheduled to be heard at the RPV City Council.
- f. **Public Safety Committee** – Report – Roger Cuevas
 - i. They are working on having a certification training in March.
 - g. **Budget and Finance** – Sarah Valdez
 - i. Discuss and consider approval of October Expenditure Report. **Motion by Diana Nave to approve the October Expenditure Report, seconded by George Thompson, and passed with 12 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 not eligible (Encinas).**
 - ii. Discuss and consider approval of 2015-2016 budget through the month of October. **Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve the 2015-2016 budget through the month of October, seconded by George Thompson, and passed with 12 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Gonyea, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 0 no, 0 abstention(s), 1 not eligible (Encinas).**
 - h. **Executive Committee** – Report – Ray Regalado
 - i. Discuss and consider motion to set aside up to \$3000 for Mira Flores clean-up project. Craig Goldfarb.

Motion: To support a community clean-up of the Channel/Miraflores on and off ramp up to \$3000. Appropriate vendors to this cleanup will be identified. This cleanup will involve both the north and south sides of the ramp and will be done in conjunction with CalTrans and will involve various neighborhood groups. Additional funds to support the cleanup will be solicited from other Neighborhood Councils and the surrounding businesses.

Motion by Craig Goldfarb to approve motion to set aside up to \$3000 for Mira Flores clean-up project, seconded by Laurie Jacobs, and passed with 11 yes (Cuevas, Dixon, Goldfarb, Jacobs, Nave, Regalado, Thompson, Valdez, Valle, Williams and Zavalney), 1 no (Gonyea), 0 abstention(s), 1 not eligible (Encinas).
 - ii. Discuss suggested committee follow-up process. Cynthia Gonyea
8. **HANC Report** – Diana Nave provided highlights from the HANC Meeting:
- a. The homeless issue was discussed at length and what things people want from the Homeless Task Force.
 - b. They discussed and considered the motion on the Planning Commission's sign ordinance.
 - c. One-third of City streets are in a failed condition and 40% of City sidewalks need replacing. To repair the City sidewalks, the City will be spending \$31 million a year for 30 years as part of a lawsuit settlement.

- d. One of the three Harbor Area Budget Advocate's has resigned so they are looking to elect a new one.
- e. The next HANC meeting is January 6th.

9. Other Reports

- a. **Budget Representative's Report** – Craig Goldfarb
- b. **CPAB Report** – Craig Golfarb
 - i. Craig Golfarb is the new representative.
 - i. Community Police Advisory Board (CPAB) meetings are very informative.
 - ii. Lauren Halligan, from the City Attorney's office spoke about medical marijuana dispensaries.
 - iii. Prop 47 has impacted the crime rate.
 - iv. Illegal dumping tips can lead to a \$1,000 reward.

10. Announcements/Future Agenda Items:

- a. Board President Ray Regalado announced that the San Pedro Tree lighting.
- b. Councilman Joe Buscaino's office: San Pedro Field Deputy Ryan Ferguson made a request for funding of the above tree lighting event. His request was sent to the Youth and Outreach Committee.
- c. Board President Ray Regalado announced that Central San Pedro Neighborhood Council member Karen Ceaser made a request for up to \$1,000 for the fundraiser showing of the movie "The Soloist".

11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next meeting will be December 14, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Akerblom for NWSPNC